PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

ATARASHI, TAKAFUMI, et al

Appln. No.: 09/254,005

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Group Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: Ahmed, S.

For: CONSOLIDATED MATERIAL OF COATED POWDERS AND PROCESS FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action of August 30, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A consolidated material of coated powders each comprising a base: particle having thereon a coating film having a uniform thickness of 0.01 to 20 µm, wherein the coated powders are mutually adhered at the coating film [or by an adhesive], the base particle comprises a glass, a metal, or a metal oxide, and the coating film is a metal film or a metal oxide

film.

3. (Amended) A [coherent coated-powder] consolidated material of coated powders each comprising a base particle having thereon plural-coating films having a uniform thickness of 0.01 to 5 μ m per film in which at least any adjacent coating films are different in kind,